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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant : Yuan Min WU et al.
Serial No. : 09/083,410
Filed : May 22, 1998
For : SOLUTION HYBRIDIZATION OF NUCLEIC
ACIDS WITH ANTISENSE PROBES HAVING
MODIFIED BACKBONES
Examiner : Ardin Marschel
Group : 1634

AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 1999, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1, line 20, after "wherein" insert --an inverse of--,
and delete "inversely".